



BETTY FARMER (nee CARNs)

Biographical Data: Born 1922 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Education: Attended Radford State College 1940-1942

NACA/NASA Experience: Employed 1958-1988; Electronic Computing

Betty Farmer was employed in Washington D.C. at the Census Bureau when she applied for a job as a computer. Hired at a time when Langley was beginning to use mechanical computers, she worked with an early IBM computer with a two-tape drive, and also did programming for electronic computers using punch cards. Along with operating a system to record data from the tunnel tests, Farmer helped train new users as electronic computers were introduced at the lab.

Sources:

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